

Sen. Dodd Demands Probe of Himself

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The newly-formed Senate Ethics Committee had its first case today — an investigation of the relations of Sen. Thomas J. Dodd (D., Conn.) with retired Maj. Gen. Julius Klein, a Chicago public relations man and registered foreign agent for a group of German businessmen.

Chairman John C. Stennis (D., Miss.) said he would call a meeting of the Committee early next week to act on a request from Sen. Dodd that it investigate charges growing out of his dealings with Gen. Klein.

Sen. Stennis said Sen. Dodd had offered to turn over the files of his correspondence with Gen. Klein to the Committee and to "co-operate fully" in any inquiry.

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Sen. Stennis made his announcement after conferring with Sen. Wallace Bennett (Utah), ranking Republican member of the Committee, which was created as one result of the Robert G. (Bobby) Baker affair.

Committee sources said the group undoubtedly will accede to Sen. Dodd's formal request and order an investigation of the case.

Sen. Dodd yesterday announced he had offered to turn over his files to both the Committee and FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover, but his letter to Sen. Stennis went further and asked a committee investigation.

ARTICLES

The case is an outgrowth of a series of articles by columnists Drew Pearson and Jack Anderson based on alleged correspondence between Sen. Dodd and Gen. Klein.

The Committee was brought

into it yesterday after Rep. Joseph Y. Resnick (D., N.Y.) referred to the Dodd-Klein letters in a House speech urging Congress to enact a "code of ethical behavior" for its members.

Rep. Resnick, citing the Pearson-Anderson columns, said Sen. Dodd had been accused of helping Gen. Klein "propagandize" for his German clients in the U.S. and of making trips to Germany, some at Government expense, to help Gen. Klein's relations with his clients.

Sen. Dodd in his brief statement did not reply directly to these charges.

Rep. Resnick's speech was cut short by Speaker John W. McCormack (D., Mass.), apparently because of a rule which bars House members from criticizing senators by name on the floor.

CUT SHORT

Gen. Klein was criticized by the Senate Foreign Relations Committee in 1963, in its investigation of "non-diplomatic" activities of foreign agents, for some of his activities in behalf of his German clients.

Sen. Dodd is a member of the Foreign Relations Committee, but apparently took little or no part in the investigation.

His relations with Gen. Klein were mentioned only once, briefly, in the Foreign Relations Committee hearings.

That Committee made public a letter from Gen. Klein asking Sen. Dodd to sponsor a Senate resolution calling for free elections to reunify Berlin.

Sen. Dodd wrote the Committee that he had not answered Gen. Klein's letter and had not introduced the proposed resolution.

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